

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1-107. (Canceled)

108. (New) A device for use in closing septal defects comprising:

a medial portion having a longitudinal axis;
first and second sets of fingers mounted on the medial portion that are capable of extending substantially radially outward from the axis, the first and second sets being spaced an axial distance apart from each other on the axis, and wherein the axial distance between the first and second sets can be changed.

109. (New) The device of claim 108 wherein at least one set of fingers has free ends and is not covered with any material.

110. (New) The device of claim 108 wherein the fingers are resiliently biased to extend substantially radially outward from the axis.

111. (New) The device of claim 108 wherein the fingers comprise nitinol.

112. (New) The device of claim 108 wherein at least one set of fingers is covered by an elastic web between adjacent ones of the set of fingers.

113. (New) The device of claim 112 wherein the web comprises silicone.

114. (New) An installation assembly for installing the device of claim 108 comprising a delivery structure disposed around the device substantially coaxial to the axis of the medial portion, whereby the fingers are elastically deflected inwardly toward parallelism with the axis.